IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

Golden Bethune-Hill, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No. 3:14-cv-00852-REP-AWA-BMK

v.

Virginia State Board of Elections, et al.

Defendants.

Defendant-Intervenors' Status Report

Pursuant to this Court's order of September 14, 2018, ECF No. 263 at 2, requiring the Defendant-Intervenors to file periodic "status reports on the progress of the redistricting efforts in the General Assembly," Defendant-Intervenors respectfully state the following.

Since this Court's September 14 order, negotiations have been ongoing and at least the following redistricting efforts have been undertaken in the General Assembly:

1. On September 18, a remedial map was presented as HB7002 and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. According to a hearing on the Bill, HB7002 focused on addressing this Court's concerns as detailed in its Memorandum Opinion (Dkt. 234), without pairing any incumbents and avoiding any partisan shift.

- 2. On September 26, an amendment to HB7002, fixing technical errors, was presented through a substitute.
- 3. On that same date, HB7003, a remedial map negotiated with bi-partisan input, was presented and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.
- 4. On September 27, during a hearing of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, HB7001 was voted down. HB7001 was a remedial map presented in August, which, according to a hearing on the Bill, combined four Republican incumbents and included a partisan advantage for Democrats.
- 5. On that same date, HB7003 was reported from the Committee to the Floor of the House for a vote.

¹ See, Va. House GOP introduces new redistricting plan with some Democratic support, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, Sept. 26, 2018 (available at: https://www.richmond.com/news/virginia/government-politics/exclusive-va-house-gop-introducing-new-redistricting-plan-with-some/article_22b9f4ec-dd94-54bf-8f55-d7bd793890ee.html).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 28th day of September, 2018, a copy of the foregoing was filed and served on all counsel of record pursuant to the Court's electronic filing procedures using the Court's CM/ECF system.

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